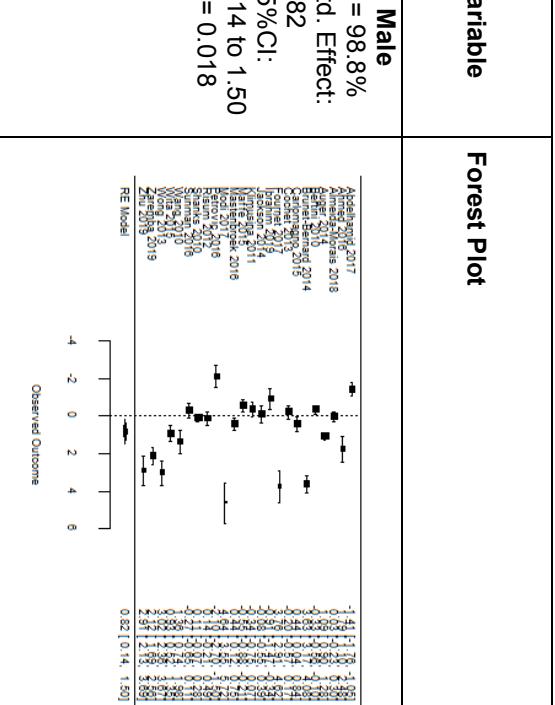
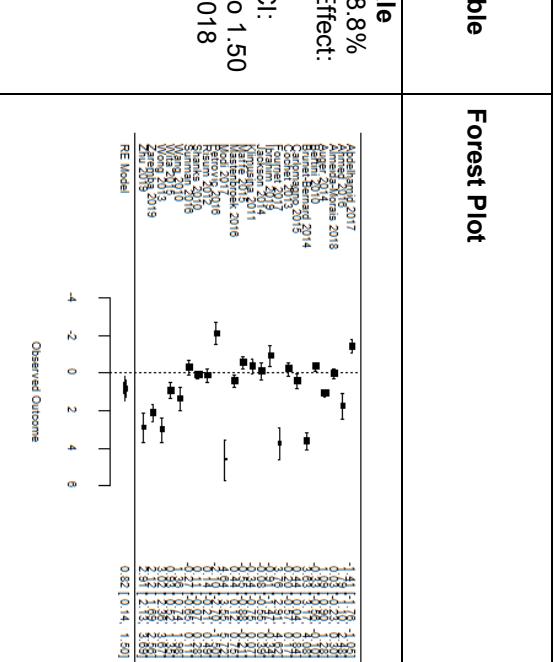
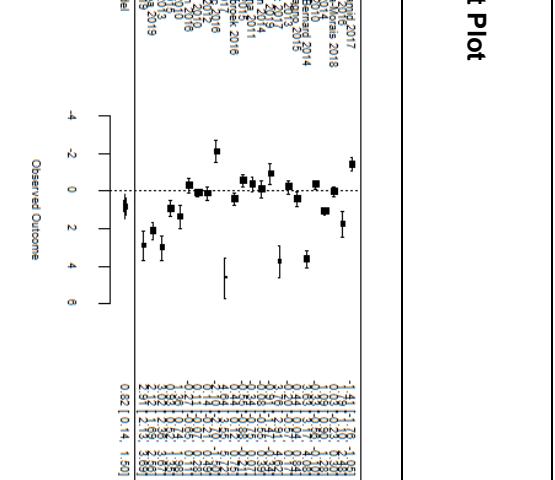
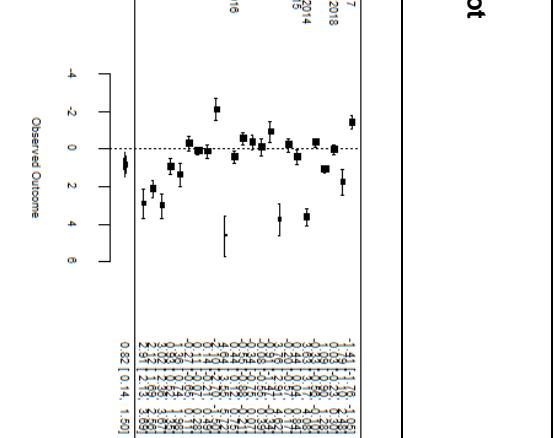


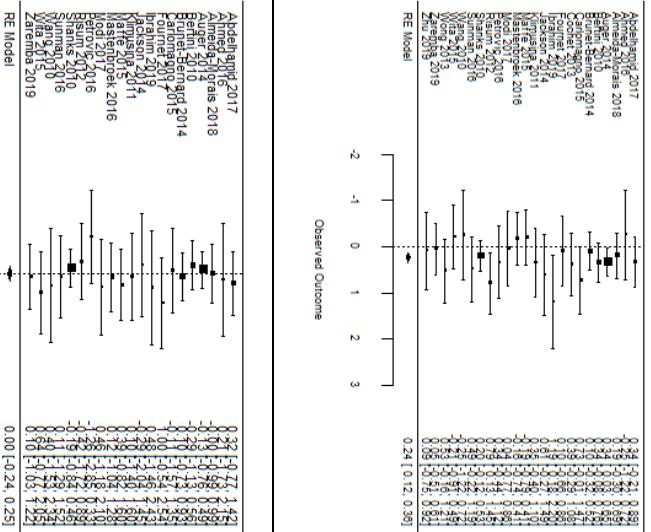
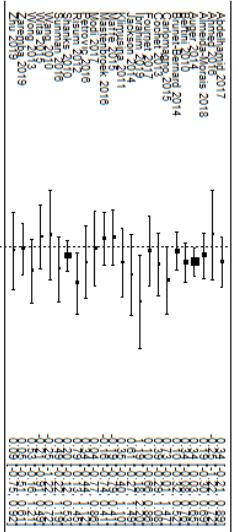
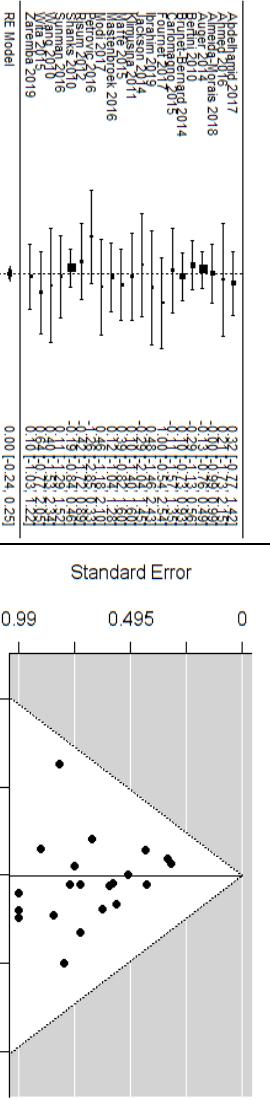
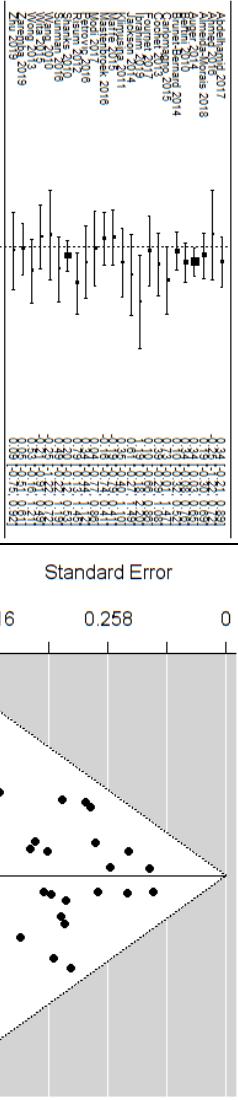
## Appendix III

Table - Results from meta-analyses performed for each one of the 13 variables considered, which were the basis of the forest plot represented on figure 1 of the results section

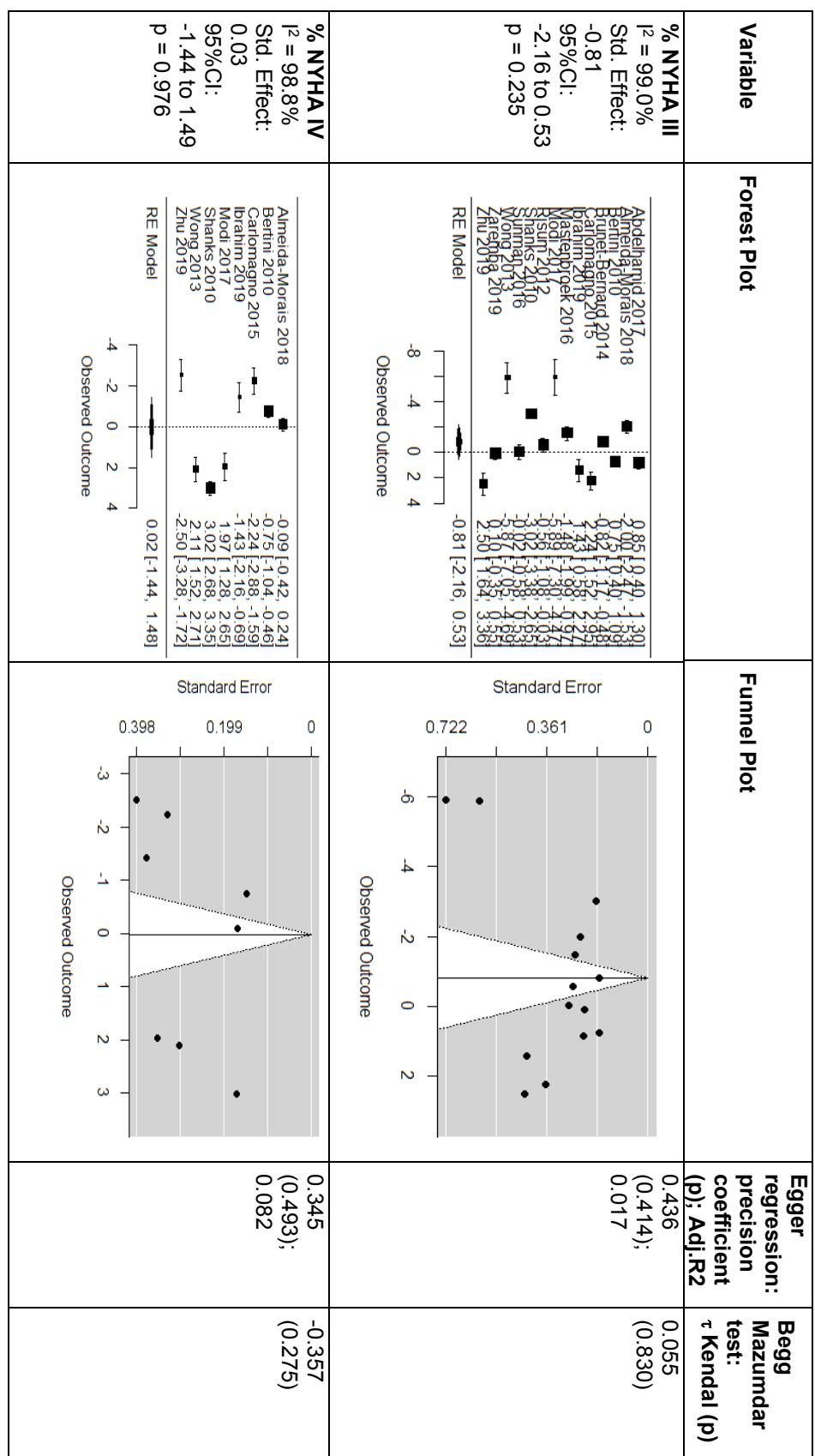
Variable	Forest Plot	Funnel Plot	Egger regression: precision coefficient (p); Adj.R2	Begg Mazumdar test: $\tau$ Kendall (p)
<b>Age</b> $I^2 = 36.8\%$ Std Effect: -0.02 95%CI: -0.13 to 0.08 $p = 0.665$	<p>Studies included in the forest plot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ardila et al. 2017</li> <li>Borod et al. 2016</li> <li>Carrasco et al. 2018</li> <li>Carrasco et al. 2014</li> <li>Carrasco et al. 2013</li> <li>Carrasco et al. 2015</li> <li>Carrasco et al. 2011</li> <li>Gatherer et al. 2016</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2016</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2018</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2019</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2016</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2017</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2018</li> <li>Hastings et al. 2019</li> <li>Wong et al. 2013</li> <li>Zhang et al. 2019</li> </ul>	<p>Standard Error</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	-0.025 (0.504); 0.021	0.080 (0.606)

Variable	Forest Plot	Funnel Plot	
% Male	$I^2 = 98.8\%$	Std. Effect: 0.82	95%CI: 0.14 to 1.50 $p = 0.018$
			Egger regression precision coefficient ( $p$ ); Adj.R2 -0.030 (0.046); 0.132 Higher effect size for studies with higher variability (in spite of $p < 0.05$ , correlation is despicable)
% Non-ischemic aetiology	$I^2 = 99.2\%$	Std. Effect: 2.41	95%CI: 1.53 to 3.29 $p < 0.001$
			Begg Mazumdar test: $\tau$ Kendall ( $p$ ) 0.348 (0.017)
RE Model	-4 -2 0 2 4 6	0.82 [ 0.14, 1.50 ]	
Observed Outcome			
Standard Error	0.955 0.477 0	0.553 0.277 0	
RE Model	-5 0 5 10 15	-2 0 2 4 6 8 10	
Observed Outcome			

Variable	Forest Plot	Funnel Plot	Egger regression: precision coefficient (p); Adj.R2	Begg Mazumdar test: $\tau$ Kendall (p)
<b>% Left branch block</b> $I^2 = 98.9\%$ Std. Effect: 2.25 95%CI: -0.88 to 3.63 $p = 0.013$	<p>Auger 2014 Brunet-Bernard 2014 Fournier 2017 Ibrahim 2019 Masterenbroek 2016 Sunman 2016 Wong 2013 Zhu 2019</p> <p>RE Model</p>	<p>Observed Outcome</p> <p>Standard Error</p>	<p>-0.072 (0.063); 0.373</p>	<p>0.571 (0.061)</p>
<b>% Atrial Fibrillation</b> $I^2 = 99.5\%$ Std. Effect: -0.53 95%CI: -2.20 to 1.13 $p = 0.530$	<p>Almeida-Moraes 2018 Masterenbroek 2016 Modi 2017 Sunman 2016 Wong 2013</p> <p>RE Model</p>	<p>Observed Outcome</p> <p>Standard Error</p>	<p>0.192 (0.484); 0.174</p>	<p>-0.400 (0.483)</p>

Variable	Forest Plot	Funnel Plot	
<b>QRS Time (ms)</b> $I^2 = 0.1\%$ Std. Effect: 0.24 95%CI: 0.13 to 0.36 $p < 0.001$	 <p>RE Model</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	 <p>Standard Error</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	Egger regression: -0.021 (0.745); precision coefficient (p); Adj.R2 0.005
<b>Ejection fraction (%)</b> $I^2 = 0.0\%$ Std. Effect: 0.004 95%CI: -0.24 to 0.25 $p = 0.976$	 <p>RE Model</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	 <p>Standard Error</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	Begg Mazumdar test: $\tau$ Kendall (p) 0.282 (0.080)

Variable	Forest Plot	Funnel Plot	Egger regression: precision coefficient (p); Adj.R2	Begg Mazumdar test: $\tau$ Kendall (p)
<b>LVESV (ml)</b> $I^2 = 97.3\%$ Std. Effect: -0.06 95%CI: -0.23 to 0.14 $p = 0.537$	<p>RE Model</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	<p>Standard Error</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	<p>0.026 (0.140); 0.068</p> <p>Higher effect size for studies with higher variability (in spite of <math>p &lt; 0.05</math>, correlation is despicable)</p>	
<b>% NYHA II</b> $I^2 = 95.2\%$ Std. Effect: 1.85 95%CI: 0.37 to 3.33 $p = 0.014$	<p>RE Model</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	<p>Standard Error</p> <p>Observed Outcome</p>	<p>-1.96 (0.083); 0.380</p> <p>0.143 (0.773)</p>	



Variable	Forest Plot	Funnel Plot	Egger regression: precision coefficient (p); Adj.R2	Begg Mazumdar test: $\tau$ Kendall (p)
<b>% Diabetes</b> $I^2 = 99.2\%$ Std. Effect: $-0.79$ 95%CI: $-2.09$ to $0.51$ $p = 0.235$	<p>RE Model -0.79 [-2.09, 0.51]</p>	<p>Standard Error 0.255 0.509</p>	$0.452$ $(0.147)$ $0.149$	$-0.333$ $(0.216)$
<b>% HT</b> $I^2 = 98.1\%$ Std. Effect: $-0.30$ 95%CI: $-1.62$ to $1.02$ $p = 0.652$	<p>RE Model -0.30 [-1.62, 1.02]</p>	<p>Standard Error 0.272 0.545</p>	$0.505$ $(0.427)$ $0.108$	$-0.357$ $(0.275)$